

Abstract

In UMTS or EDGE or a similar network, each new call specifies a required QoS on handover (a Seamless Service Descriptor) and an acceptable level of degradation (Service Degradation Descriptor); a call is only accepted into a cell if the QoS requirements in the two descriptors can be met, and if the QoS requirement in the two descriptors of existing calls will not be unacceptably affected.